



LAHONTAN HERD MANAGEMENT AREA

Lyon County



Location/Habitat

The Lahontan HMA is located approximately 35 miles east of Carson City and immediately south of the Lahontan Reservoir. It encompasses 11,000 acres. The elevation is approximately 4,167 feet. Wild horses are usually found outside the HMA east of the reservoir and south of the Lahontan Reservoir Narrows. The HMA is flat with low, sandy deposits and alkali flats.

Average temperatures for Carson City range from 20 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit in December and January and from 48 to 90 degrees in July and August. Average annual precipitation is 7.5 inches.

Vegetation

Dominant vegetation consists of Baileys greasewood, shadscale, low sagebrush, cheat grass, Indian ricegrass and squirreltail.

Herd Description

Due to the small size of the HMA the appropriate management level is 7 to 10 animals; however, the current population is over 100 animals, most of which are outside of the HMA.

This herd is known for its large percentage of pintos, most other colors are also found including dun and grulla. The horses generally stand approximately 15 hands high (60 inches from the ground to the top of the withers). These horses have good conformation and are known to be generally good-natured.

This HMA also provides habitat for many reptiles, small mammals, coyotes and a few birds.